

# FLAMES UNCHECKED; WHOLE CITY DOOMED

DYNAMITING A GREAT AREA HAS FAILED TO STOP THE FLAMES AND HAVING DESTROYED THE BUSINESS DISTRICT THEY ARE NOW EATING THEIR WAY INTO THE RESIDENCES OF THE ONCE PROUD CITY OF THE WEST

HIGH OCEAN WINDS ARE WHIPPING THE FLAMES TO FURY

LOS ANGELES FEELS TWO SLIGHT SHOCKS AND PEOPLE FEARING THAT THERE IS TO BE ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE FLEE IN A PANIC—CONGRESS VOTES \$1,000,000 TO STRICKEN CITY AND AID IS POURING IN FROM ALL QUARTERS. AT SAN JOSE, HOSPITALS ARE FILLED WITH DEAD AND DYING—PRESIDENT JORDAN CONFIRMS DESTRUCTION OF LELAND STANFORD

[Publishers' Press]  
Oakland, Calif., April 19.—As the red rays of the April sun flashed across the Pacific ocean this evening they were reflected back from scenes of horror that has not been equalled in the history of the United States since the famous Chicago fire. The Gold City of the Pacific slope was a mass of smoldering ruins and where yesterday, tall buildings had stood, tonight nothing was left but indescribable horror, the likeness of which will remain photographed on the brains of those who were compelled to witness it, for many years.

Less than one-sixth of the city of San Francisco will remain standing when the present fires shall have burned themselves out. In the destroyed district it is practically every bit of the business portion of the metropolis of the coast and some two-thirds of the best residential section.

Suffering is Terrible.  
The suffering of the inhabitants is terrible. Men, women and children are gathered in open squares and in suburbs, suffering lack of clothing, food and beyond all that, many have throats that are parched with thirst on account of the scarcity of the water.

In every spot where refugees gathered, soldiers, doing herculean work, have even begged themselves, to benefit unfortunate mortals, who yesterday had everything, and today have nothing. Every large receptacle that can be pressed into service, is being used to haul water from Black Point, the Presidio district and Golden Gate, down where people sit or lie in a semi-comatose state, willing to accept anything, but so terribly dazed by their experiences as to be absolutely unable to do anything for themselves. Whether the fire is under control, only the events of the next few hours will determine.

General Funston Optimistic.  
General Funston, who has been on duty continually ever since the first earthquake shock, thinks it is, but it cannot be determined whether this belief is well founded.

Early in the afternoon, by the free use of dynamite along the path of the flames on Van Ness avenue, enough buildings were demolished to furnish open spaces across which the fire could not jump.

Similar action taken all along an

SUMMARY—The whole city of San Francisco is at the mercy of the flames—it does not seem possible that at least more than one-fifth of the grand sea port can be saved—Property loss will reach \$250,000,000 in San Francisco alone—Efforts to save city by dynamiting a large area have failed—there were two slight shocks at Los Angeles shortly after noon yesterday, but they did no damage—The people were so badly frightened, however, that many of them left the city—President Jordan confirms report that Leland Stanford has been destroyed—Newspapers have ceased to try to publish in San Francisco—Chinatown was wiped out and Nob Hill is burning—Conservative estimate places dead in San Francisco at 1,500—People who can not leave San Francisco are in danger of dying of thirst as supply of water is cut off—Vandals working in city are shot down by soldiers—General Funston in charge of situation is optimistic—Governor of California appeals to Government for aid—Congress votes \$1,000,000 to San Francisco.

Imaginary fan-shaped line is expected to prove of great benefit. Owing to the fact that travel across the bay has been hampered for many reasons, there has been no chance to gather details as to the success or failure of the fire fighters.

Mayor Asks Help.  
Mayor Schmitz this afternoon sent a messenger across the Bay with a telegram to Governor Pardee asking in the name of humanity for tents and bread. "We want bedding, food, tents," he said, "and must have them quick. Perishing humanity depends on generosity of its fellow citizens, but urgent aid will save lives."

The response to the appeal was immediate. This evening supplies are being received here from every section and being rushed across to the stricken city. The Federal government, Red Cross society and private charity organizations are doing everything possible, but at the present time the absolute need is water to drink. Relief stations have been established at all public parks. General Funston, who is aiding civil authorities is leaving nothing undone. Help those who cannot help themselves, is his policy.

Communication Cut Off.  
Means of communication in and about the city have been completely cut off. Where yesterday a few automobiles could go backward and forward tonight their progress was stopped by the masses of ruins. It may be many hours before an accurate estimate of loss of life can be made.

Newspapers Have Quit.  
Newspapers in the city have given up hopes of publishing editions for many days and outside news gatherers are greatly hampered in their work by the lack of specific knowledge of topography of the city.

Like a black pall, smoke clouds hang low over the ruins of the city and those who try to get from place to place find their way blocked by ruins which fill the streets a height of many feet. Army officials who are doing duty in aid of the police are pressing citizens into service. Unless they have good reasons for not working, male passengers are confronted by bayonets, revolvers and are put to work at anything that may be necessary at the moment.

Vandals Are Shot.  
Many persons have been shot and killed for looting. There is, however, no record of them, as troops on duty when they catch a thief at work simply fire a bullet into the miscreant and leave him where he falls. Fire fighters destroyed block after block by dynamite in the hope of checking the flames, but in every instance, so strong was the sweep of wind, that their efforts went to naught. Fire jumped across open spaces for almost incredible distances. Many persons were burned to death during the day. Some were caught in the swift onward rush of flames and incinerated in homes. Others were buried under the falling walls and cook-

ed to death, while others met their fate while bravely trying to check fires that threatened absolute destruction to their native place.

The entire district from the water front to Octavio and Golden Gate avenue, the north beach section, Nob Hill and away out through the city to Stanford mansion fell practically to the fire of the past 24 hours.

All Now Gone.  
To enumerate city blocks destroyed is to publish practically the street directory of the city, from bay front to Pacific Ocean. Personalities are lost. Those who have escaped are unknown and will be unknown for many hours yet to come.

It has been possible for all persons who have money to get away but the poor are still held here, helpless victims depending upon charity of the soldiers and city authorities. Railroad communication with the outside world is cut off. Destruction is a mild word when applied to those suffering here.

Beyond Imagination.  
The magnitude of the disaster is such that many people who could ordinarily be depended upon to care for themselves, have really abandoned hope, and in a quiet state of despair wait for death and can only be aroused by the sternest measures. These latter are being restored, to however, and soldiers in blue uniforms have the situation under such control that the lawless element has disappeared so far as present calculations are concerned.

Property Loss \$250,000,000.  
It seems safe to say at the present that upward of one thousand persons are dead and these figures are under rather than over estimated. The property loss far exceeds \$250,000,000, and is to be added to as the moments go by.

With the destruction of Clifford House, many persons lost their lives. It stood on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific ocean. From the west veranda many hundreds of tourists have been wont to sit and watch seals play in the waves of the ocean on the rocks two hundred yards off from the main land. Following the earthquake many persons in the vicinity rushed to the hotel and were being taken care of when the last earth tremble came and almost in a twinkling of an eye the hotel collapsed the lobby falling into the water far below. Just how great a loss of life was here cannot be told, but it is certainly large.

LAST HOPE HAS VANISHED.  
Efforts to Save San Francisco Fail and City Gives Way to Flames.

[Publishers' Press]  
Oakland, Calif., April 19.—The last hope of saving the city is gone. The demolished line along Van Ness avenue, and extending around the fire zone, in a fan shape half circle, which the authorities believed would check the spread, failed when the test came, and the flames jumped through and are now working their own free will in the residence district. The firemen can do nothing more. The fire must burn itself out. San Francisco, at this moment, seems absolutely doomed.

So far as can be learned the second series of earthquake shocks this afternoon, did practically little damage here, but a different story is expected when word comes in from the south-east.

Pope Reported Sick.  
[Publishers' Press]  
Paris, April 19.—A dispatch from Rome, received early this morning, states that the Pope is seriously ill with heart trouble.

FIRST STREET, SAN JOSE, VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE



SAN JOSE IS A CITY OF 50,000 PEOPLE, 40 MILES SOUTH OF SAN FRANCISCO, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

## PALLADIUM TO COLLECT FUND

Mayor Issues Appeal on Behalf of the Earthquake Sufferers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED.

ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL BE FORWARDED BY THE PALLADIUM TO MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO.

## PROCLAMATION TO CITIZENS

Inasmuch as one of the greatest calamities in the history of the world has just befallen San Francisco, thousands of people having been rendered homeless and hundreds severely injured by the terrible earthquake of Wednesday morning, I, W. W. Zimmerman, Mayor of the City of Richmond, call upon the citizens of this city to assist in raising a voluntary relief fund, which shall be sent as soon as possible to the Mayor of San Francisco to be used in the best interests of the stricken people of that city. I hereby designate The Richmond Palladium as the custodian of this fund and all contributions should be left at the office of the Palladium.

W. W. Zimmerman,  
Mayor of Richmond.  
Richmond, Ind., April 19, 1906.

Message of Sympathy.  
Mayor Zimmerman yesterday afternoon telegraphed Mayor Schmitz, of San Francisco, as follows:  
Hon. E. E. Schmitz,  
Mayor of San Francisco.

The City of Richmond, Ind., which has many native sons and daughters in San Francisco and the State of California, extends its sympathy in this hour of distress and hereby tenders its aid toward alleviating the sufferings of the people affected by the great disaster.

W. W. Zimmerman,  
Mayor of Richmond.

Richmond will do her share in bringing relief to suffering humanity in San Francisco and vicinity.

The proclamation of Mayor Zimmerman addressed to the people of Richmond, soliciting aid for the earthquake sufferers and the mayor's telegram of sympathy to Mayor Schmitz of San Francisco are published above and they set forth briefly Richmond's part in the work of relief that nearly every city and town in the United States will take up during the next twenty-four hours.

Contributions to the fund may be left at the Palladium office at any time during the day or evening, either by individuals or societies of any kind.

The Richmond fund already has a start, contributions made last night being as follows:

The Palladium	\$25
George L. Cates	25
Samuel Gaar	25
A. D. Gayle	25
Jonas Gaar	5

## ROOSEVELT GETS MESSAGE.

[Publishers' Press]  
Washington, April 19.—The President late this afternoon received the following message from the mayor of San Francisco:  
San Francisco, April 19, 1906.

"President Roosevelt:  
"Earthquake has done great damage, but fire has done more. Half of the city in flames, but believe under control. Thanks for offer of assistance. We at present need no outside assistance, but will call on you if necessary. Signed  
"E. E. SCHMITZ, Mayor."

## \$10,000,000 BY TELEGRAPH.

Secretary Authorizes Transfer From Surtreasury to San Francisco.

[Publishers' Press]  
Washington, April 19.—The Secretary of the Treasury has authorized the telegraph transfer of \$10,000,000 from the subtreasury of New York to San Francisco. The cash will be deposited in New York and immediately paid out on the order of San Francisco banks entitled to it.

John Dougan	25
P. W. Smith	10
B. B. Myrick	5
T. A. Mott	5
J. B. Craighead	25
H. J. Hanes	5
E. G. Hibberd	10
John M. Westcott	100
George W. Miller	5
Frank C. Kibbey	5
Clem A. Gaar	100
Starr Piano Co.	100
Howard Campbell	10
John Nicholson	10
Total	\$405

With the exception of Indianapolis and Evansville, Richmond is the first city in Indiana which has taken the step toward offering relief to the stricken Californians and it is hoped that the fund which the Palladium has started on its way will reach a considerable sum during the next few days.

## THEIR ANXIETY WAS VERY GREAT

Report That Los Angeles Had Been Ruined Caused Consternation Here.

SOUGHT PRESS BULLETINS

PALLADIUM LAID AT REST FEARS OF MANY PERSONS BY ASSURING THEM THE SHOCK WAS BUT SLIGHT.

"Tingle-ling, tingle-ling"—from early to late rang the telephone bells at the Palladium office. Anxious relatives of people living in various Californian cities and towns, especially at San Francisco and Los Angeles, called up to learn the latest news from the stricken region.

At Los Angeles there is a large Richmond and Wayne county colony and the early reports yesterday of an earthquake in that city, terrorized the local relatives of former Richmond people living there. Later reports in the evening were to the effect that the shocks in Los Angeles had been slight and while they had the effect of alarming the inhabitants no one was seriously injured.

When inquiring people were informed of this news they expressed their great relief. At the local telegraph offices there were many telegrams filed for transmission to Los Angeles and the wires were kept busy. No telegrams from former Richmond people living in San Francisco were received last night. The message sent by Clyde Dawson to his mother, arriving yesterday afternoon, was the only one that has yet been received from San Francisco.

Local relatives of Lee Sharkey and Carl McDaniels are greatly alarmed about their safety. Sharkey has been

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BATTERY, BUSH AND MARKET STREETS.  
In the Heart of the Business District Early Wiped Out by the Fire.